



FACT SHEET Governor's Office of Emergency Services

OES MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS UNITS

ICS: TYPE 1

Mobile Interoperability Unit



The Mobile Interoperability Unit (MIU) is a resource developed from a collaborative effort of several Bay Area Federal, State and Local public safety agencies. It is the Bay Area's newest resource for establishing interoperability among disparate public safety radio systems at the scene of a major incident. The MIU, provided by and maintained by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CA-OES) can be deployed from its location in San Francisco to support Bay Area public safety agencies requesting mutual aid for assistance with interoperable communications.

Capabilities

- Provides on-scene communications interoperability between disparate radio systems
- Deployable 24/7 within the Bay Area and typically arrives on-scene within one hour
- The MIU provides
 - Dispatch consoles
 - An audio gateway switch for patching radio equipment
 - Telephone switch for cellular (2) or hardwired telephones
 - Two generators
 - 40' pneumatic mast



Events Where MIU may be Useful

- Secondary resource to assist with command level communications
- Multi-Jurisdictional events
- Search and rescue events (e.g., bridge or maritime incidents)
- Mutual aid situations (e.g., Fire-EMS or Law)
- Planned events (e.g., demonstrations, protests)
- Natural disasters (e.g., environmental incidents, fires, earthquakes, tsunamis)

This unit is coordinated by OES Headquarters and ordered through the OES Mutual Aid system. Contact the OES Telecommunications Duty Officer via the State Warning Center at 916-845-8911